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SUBJ: EXCHANGES - 1975-76 U. S. LECTURER PROGRAM

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1. FOLLOWING INCONCLUSIVE MEETING MARCH 18 AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DURING WHICH CAO, ACAO, AND KEITH HITCHINS DISCUSSED SUBJECT PROGRAM WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICE, EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FROM DEPARTMENT AND CIES. WE HAD EXPECTED, AS STATED PARA 2 REFTTEL, MINISTRY TO PRESENT FIRM INVITATIONS FOR COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. SINCE MINISTRY WAS UNPREPARED TO TAKE THIS APPROACH, EMBASSY IS READY TO FORWARD AMERICAN LECTURER NOMINATIONS WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR PLACEMENT.

2. WE ARE REQUESTING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND CIES TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PLACEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MINISTRY:

A) LINDA REICHMAN-LANGUAGE, IASI POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (APPROVED STATE 059607);

B) DAVID HODGDON-LITERATURE, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST;

C) MICHAEL C. HINDEN-LITERATURE, UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ;

D) JONATHAN SEELY-LANGUAGE, UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ AT SIBIU;

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E) CURTIS HARVEY-ECONOMICS, ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES,
BUCHAREST;

F) HERBERT IZZO-LANGUAGE, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST.

3. AS CIES WILL NOTE, WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING THAT THE
LITERATURE POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IASI BE FILLED.
PRESENT INCUMBENT IN IASI FEELS STRONGLY THAT POSITION THERE
REQUIRES LINGUIST NOT LITERATURE SPECIALIST. WE ARE HOPEFUL
THAT REICHMAN PROGRAM IN IASI WILL FILL SOME OF THE GAP AT
UNIVERSITY ALTHOUGH SHE WILL CONCENTRATE ON SCIENTIFIC
INSTITUTIONS WHERE ENGLISH IS TAUGHT.

4. THE SITUATION IN TIMISOARA IS COMPLICATED BY UN-
SATISFACTORY HOUSING SITUATION THERE. TO ENABLE US TO BEGIN
NOMINATING PROCESS, WE ARE SUGGESTING HODGDON MOVE TO BUCHAREST
AND HINDEN BE PLACED IN CLUJ. IF WE ARE ABLE TO RESOLVE
HOUSING PROBLEM AS A RESULT OF CURRENT EFFORTS UNDERWAY,
HODGDON WOULD REMAIN IN TIMISOARA, HINDEN WOULD COME TO
BUCHAREST, AND FLINT OR AUSTIN COULD BE NOMINATED FOR CLUJ.
FINALLY, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER SEELEY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR
AFFILIATION AT SIBIU. UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ WILL MOST LIKELY
REQUIRE HIS RESIDENCE IN CLUJ WITH A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD
INCLUDE PERIODIC REGULAR CONSULTATION AT NEARBY SIBIU.

5. IN ADDITION, AS HITCHINS HAS ALREADY INFORMED DEPART-
MENT AND CIES, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE THREE
ADDITIONAL U.S. LECTURERS FOR 1975-76 IN FIELDS OF BIOPHYSICS
(SEE BUCHAREST 1153), EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION, AND ENGLISH AS
A SECOND LANGUAGE (FOR PLACEMENT AT INSTITUTE OF PEDAGOGY
IN PITESTI). THESE ARE FIRM POSITIONS ALTHOUGH ALL PARTIES
REALIZE NOMINATIONS MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING THIS LATE DATE
FOR SEPTEMBER 1975. EMBASSY MEANWHILE CONTINUES TO EXPECT
FULL PARTICIPATION UNDER ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 (D) FOR
1975-76 (BUCHAREST 0215, PARA 4) AND LOOKS FORWARD TO
SCREENING CANDIDATES FROM CIES SOONEST.

6. APPRECIATE CIES' COMMENTS OUR RECOMMENDATIONS PARA
2 ABOVE SOONEST TO ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR ROMANIAN APPROVAL
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